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1. A new wave of arrests is sweeping over Rumania, at the moment. Numerous arrests have already been made, including both Communist officials and also, heretofore, private individuals who have just remained members of the Communist Party. They are now being charged with being reactionaries, opposing the regime. Arrests are made by the Securitatea.
2. These measures seem to extend everywhere, but are most intensive at Bucharest, Gluj, Oradea and Braşev. At Iaşi, Brăila, and Constanţa, not more than forty percent of the original inhabitants remain. The towns of Rumanian Dobruja and Tulcea are in the same condition.
3. Arrests of officials came when the Securitatea decided to change identity cards. The Securitatea had discovered that persons for whom they were looking were moving about Rumania under false names, using identity cards that had been sold to them for cash by various officials. This, however, is not the only charge brought against officials. Others are accused of having left the Party line and of having favored "reactionaries and enemies of the people."
4. The arrests release for use the houses of those who have gone to jail, and these lodgings are at once filled with "elite workers." The families of the arrested persons are deported. Propaganda has always predicted the construction of new housing for the elite workers, but at least the Party is giving them housing of some kind.
5. The central authorities have arranged a minute and detailed plan for evacuation of urban centers, arranging the rate and rhythm at which it is to proceed. Further inquiries are being made on this point.

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